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Council President and City Council

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the balance of the Environmental Growth Fund 2/3. This onetime source of revenue could be utilized for one or more projects that preserve and enhance the environment. The Park and Recreation Department has identified a prioritized list of needs for City Council consideration (Attachment IV). The IBA recommends that the City Council approve these projects to be included in the FY 2007 Budget.

Funding for Police Recruitment and Retention

The City Council recognizes that the recruitment and retention of Police Officers is critical to public safety in the City of San Diego. Currently, a comprehensive recruitment and retention plan has not been identified by the Police department. The Police Chief has indicated that a plan is forthcoming and will be presented to the Public Safety & Neighborhoods Services Committee in June. The IBA recommends that funding not be allocated for recruitment and retention until a specific action plan is brought forward by the Mayor and Police Chief, and is approved by Council. We recommend this be done as soon as possible. If the City Council deems the recruitment and retention plan acceptable, then funding should be identified for these efforts from additional General Fund revenues or reserves.

Arts & Culture Council Discretionary Funds

The IBA continues to recommend that funding not be increased or reallocated at this time to augment City Council discretionary funding. Consistent with the "time-out" approach suggested by our office, it is not recommended that major reductions or additions to programs be implemented in FY 2007. The policy objectives of the Special Promotional Programs, including Arts & Culture funding, should be discussed in anticipation of the FY 2008 budget process.

QUALCOMM Parking Fee Increase

Consistent with Report 06-26, the IBA recommends that the issue of parking fees at QUALCOMM be revisited by the City Council as soon as possible. This item has been docketed for Tuesday, May 30th. If parking fees are increased, the General Fund subsidy for that stadium would be reduced, freeing up approximately \$312,000 for the General Fund Reserve.

Take Back the Streets

In IBA Report 06-26, we recommended including \$300,000 for the Alpha Project's Take Back the Street Program. If this recommendation is approved, the Environmental Services Department will administer the contract with the Alpha Project, and will make recommendations to the City Council regarding the types of services and the service areas that will be covered by the Program.

Retirement System Proposed Additional Positions

At the Budget & Finance Committee Meeting on May 24th, the Retirement System Administrator, David Wescoe, informed the committee that he will be asking that the Retirement Board of Administration approve the addition of several new positions to the Retirement System Administration